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I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement issued on 15 February 1991 by the Mauritanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation concerning the situation in the Gulf region:

"The Islamic Republic of Mauritania welcomes the initiative taken on 29 Rajab A.H. 1411, corresponding to 15 February 1991, by the Revolution Command Council of the Republic of Iraq. It believes that the initiative will contribute to the restoration of law and justice in the region.

The Islamic Republic of Mauritania, which has constantly affirmed since the beginning of this crisis its commitment to the international rule of law and to peace and security for all the peoples of the region, has always rejected recourse to war.

Through this initiative, Iraq has just offered the international community the means of averting a catastrophe.

The Islamic Republic of Mauritania hopes that this opportunity will be seized by all the parties concerned, with a view to achieving a peaceful and lasting settlement of this crisis."

I should be grateful if you would have this text circulated as a Security Council document.

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